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Pep Pills for Polonia?

Five players arrived from Poland last week to join Polonia. It is expected that they will lift the team's standard from "good" to "class." Seen here leaving the plane are Wieslaw Janczyk, Rochus Dronia, and Marian Gasior.

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Hakoah Denies News Report on Transfer Fee

Wilhelmina, Player Back Denial

Several Hakoah officials, Mr. J. van Hoboken, President of Wilhelmina, and player Hans Peterson joined last week-end in branding a news report as "a trouble-making falsehood."

Mr. M. Weinstein, chairman of the Hakoah club, stated that, when Peterson asked for Hakoah's permission to transfer to Wilhelmina two years ago, it was freely granted with only one condition—that the player would be free to return at any time he wished to do so.

Wilhelmina consented to this condition, and has honoured its agreement, Mr. Weinstein said.

The only money involved in Peterson's return to Hakoah was in the settlement of a private loan owed by Peterson to Mr. van Hoboken—a small sum which was borrowed when Hans was married several months ago.

Peterson told Hakoah that he was reluctant to leave Wilhelmina while owing the President money, and Hakoah offered to take over the loan.

Although Mr. van Hoboken assured both Peterson and Hakoah that he would not press the player for repayment, Hakoah officials felt that it would be better to put the player's mind at rest, and sufficient money was collected from supporters to discharge the debt.

Hakoah has now granted permission to Peterson to repay the loan over a lengthy period.

Officials of both clubs stated that false rumours about large transfer fees, put into circulation by irresponsible news reports, had proven harmful to relationships both within the clubs and between the clubs.

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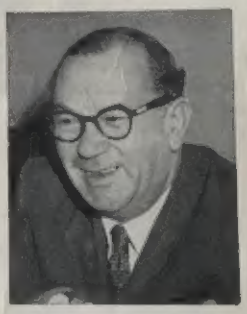
George Cross Meeting

George Cross will hold its quarterly meeting next Wednesday, July 1, at 477 Royal Parade, Parkville.

The chairman will call the meeting to order at 7.30 sharp.

"It's FALSE" He Says . . .



Mr. Jack Skolnik, who branded newspaper reports about the payment of a transfer fee for Peterson as "dreamed-up hogwash."

Two Thrillers for Sunday

Next Sunday, July 5, two Laidlaw World Cup ties will be played, and they read like top-class thrillers.

Hungary meets Czechoslovakia at 1.30 p.m., followed by Malta v. Holland at 3 p.m.

If the weather is kind, fans will get their money's worth for sure!

Here are two more of the young Polish footballers as they stepped off the plane in Melbourne. On the left is Kazimierz Szygalska, with Richard Szczepanski in front.

New Blood Flies In For Vict. Soccer

POLONIA TAKES KING-SIZED GAMBLE FOR CLUB AND CODE . . .

When five Polish soccer players stepped off the plane at Essendon last week, the most difficult stage of a costly gamble by the Polonia Soccer Club was completed.

Polonia hopes that the importation of these players will not only prove to be a "shot in the arm" for its own team, but that it will help to raise the standard of soccer in Victoria.

George Cross recently brought two players from Malta, Juventus has acquired several British players, and Dutch players continually trickle in to join Wilhelmina.

If these moves prove beneficial, other clubs, whose supporters are willing to contribute towards the heavy expenses involved, may follow suit.

Polonia entrusted selection of the players, and arrangements for their emigration, to a Polish Olympic Games official who was here in 1956.

None of the five players is married, and it is understood that they have permission to settle here permanently.

Here are some of the essential facts about the players:

Wieslaw Janczyk is 28 years old, plays at left-half normally, and is a Bachelor of Arts. He has played in Poland's National teams 15 times, including matches against Russia, Bulgaria, Ireland, Norway, and Hungary. His club was L.K.S., Lodz.

Marian Gasior is 24 and a centre-forward. He is an electrical mechanic, and also played with L.K.S., Lodz.

Rochus Dronia is 23 and a wing-half. He played with Ruch, in Chorzow, which not long ago was a leading club, winning the championship four times. Rochus is an ironworker.

Kasimierz Szygalski iss 22 years old. He was a utility forward with Bzura, in Sohaczew. Kasimierz is a fitter by trade.

Richard Szczepanski is only 21, and a wing-half. Like Marian Gasior, Richard is an electrical mechanic. His club was Polonia, in Gdynia.

A crowd of about 35 supporters met the players at Essendon, and they will be guests of honour at a ball in the Prahran Town Hall on Friday, June 26.

★ ★ ★

Billy Wright—real name William Ambrose Wright—who is captain of Wolverhampton Wanderers and England, has a record of which any player anywhere in the world could be justfiably proud. Billy has played over 500 matches for Wolves first team, has been capped 100 times for England, and has never been sent off the field.

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Arnel Birch, goalkeeper for Chesterfield, scored 5 goals in one season. Sounds queer, doesn't it? It's really not half as queer as it sounds — he scored them all from penalty kicks.

★ ★ ★

Dutch V.V.V. player, Jan Klaassens played his fortieth international match for Holland against Scotland. Jan is 28 years old, and made his first international appearance for Holland six years ago.

★ ★ ★

Bishop Auckland have now won the British F.A. Amateur Cup ten times —a sterling record in more ways than one.

★ ★ ★

When Arsiero won a Lane Rossi Cup match in Northern Italy recently, the Mayor of Arsiero declared a public holiday Arsiero beat Pordenon 2-1, after replaying 1-1 draws twice, to move into the third round of the competition. The happy players, each of whom were presented with an oversize flagon of Chianti wine, were paraded through the streets as conquering heroes.

Must try this in Swanston Street some day!

★ ★ ★

A crowd of 50,000 saw Scotland beat Holland in Amsterdam's Olympic Stadium two weeks ago. Holland was on top in the first half to lead 1-0 at the turn, but Scotland stepped up the tempo—and the vigor—in the second half and scored twice with steady, sustained teamwork to score twice and win 2-1.

★ ★ ★

British F.A. Cup winner, Nottingham Forest, received a fat cheque for their win in addition to the Cup, and it is calculated that, with TV fees, talent money, and bonuses, each player would have received about £850 as his share of the proceeds. That's a year's pay for the average qualified British tradesman!

★ ★ ★

Real Madrid won the European Cup for the fourth time in succession at Stuttgart, beating French team Stade Reims 2-0 before a capacity crowd of 77,000. Spectators included 1,500 Madridians who followed their team all the way from Spain.

★ ★ ★

The winner of the Austrian State League championship will be decided in the last round. Wiener Sportklub is on top with 45 points, and Rapid is in second place with 44 points. They meet each other in the last round—and if this match doesn't draw an overflow crowd, then football must be dying in Austria.

★ ★ ★

Billy Brown, goalie for Dundee, who is now Scotland's 'keeper, was Scotland's reserve goalkeeper 25 times before he took over from Tommy Younger, of Liverpool.

★ ★ ★

England's Footballer-of-the-Year for 1958-1959 is Syd. Owen, who plays centre-half for Luton Town, this year's loser in the English Cup final.

★ ★ ★

L.K.S. Poland, the former club of Polonia Melbourne's newly-arrived players, Wieslaw Janczyk and Marian Gasior, was third on the ladder of the First Division a fortnight ago. Ruch, from whence came Rochus Dronia, another of Polonia's imports, was in seventh position. (See ladder below.)

Mention of Real Madrid elsewhere on this page reminds us that when this eventual European Cup winner beat Athletic Madrid 2-1 in the semi-final, 140,000 fans paid £85,000 to see the match. And the referee was Jack Mowat, of Glasgow.

★ ★ ★

Between the two World Wars, only one club ever broke the monopoly—and the monotony—of the mortgage held on the Scottish League Championship held by Rangers and Celtics. Motherwell did it by winning the championship in 1931-1932.

POLAND — FIRST DIVISION

Standings After Round Played June 6, 1959.

Club	Pts.	F.	A.
Polonia (Bytom) . .	16	27	9
Gornik (Zabrze) . .	13	21	13
L.K.S.	12	15	8
Lechia	12	7	4
Legia	10	10	8
Gwardia	10	15	14
Ruch	9	10	13
Polonia (Bydgoszcz	9	12	16
Pogon	8	13	18
Wisla	8	11	16
Gornik (Radlin) . .	7	4	15
Cracovia	6	12	23

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SIX PLAYERS OUT FOR LIFE

Disciplinary Committee Strives to End Bad Sportsmanship

So far this season, six players who were charged before the Disciplinary Committee with having threatened, abused, or assaulted referees, have been suspended sine die.

The sine die suspension is an indefinite "life" sentence, but the player is permitted to appeal for reinstatement after 12 months.

This has become the automatic penalty for offences against referees and linesmen.

The players are: G. Kapakos, of Yarra Park; J. Debono, of George Cross; J. Barbazza and J. Callina, of Fiorentina; C. Generutti, of Footscray-Capri; and A. Pieridis, of Hellenic.

A condition of Debono's suspension denies him the right of appeal for reinstatement until April, 1961.

Three players accused of violent conduct were banned until the end of the season.

They are: F. Aldeshulte, of Richmond; F. Moisilovich, of Collingwood; and J. Caruso, of Prahran.

Two players have been "outed" for 8 matches, 3 for 6 matches, 6 for 4 matches, and 4 for 2 matches.

Seventeen first offenders, able to produce clean records for three seasons or more, received "suspended sentences" of from two to six matches for minor misconduct.

The suspended sentence is a kind of bond over the player which automatically becomes an additional penalty if the player misbehaves again.

A State League club vice-president was declared persona non grata for a period of three months for offensive behaviour toward a referee after a match.

Two clubs have been placed on cash bonds for official laxity, and one club has been fined. Three clubs have been ordered to provide police at matches as a safety precaution.

Only three cases have been dismissed as being not satisfactorily proven.

The Committee has been heartened by a reduction in the number of cases recently, and hopes that its policies aimed at reducing bad sportsmanship are beginning to succeed.

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VELLA BACK

Star right-winger Lolly Vella will reappear with George Cross today for the first time since April 4.

Vella was suspended for 8 matches, but during his period of suspension, there were three League holidays, so that he has actually been out for 12 weeks.

Worst still, Lolly's suspension deprived him of representative honours with Victorian and Australian teams.

It doesn't pay to misbehave!

SUNDAY LEAGUE BARS RUSSIA

An application for the admission to the Sunday International League of a team representing Russia has been turned down by the Committee.

Mr. John Oliphant, Secretary of the League, stated that, because of the shortage of dates available at Olympic Park, it is impossible to accommodate additional teams at this stage.

He indicated, however, that changes could occur in the future.

"Some teams at present in the League do not play up to the standard of football expected of national teams," he said.

"This, and other signs of laxity shown by some of the sponsors could cause the Committee to drop one or two of the teams at present in the competition.

"The resulting vacancies could easily be filled," he said.

Yntema Returns

Rein Yntema, former State and Wilhelmina centre-forward, who went to Sydney without a clearance and played there recently, is back in Melbourne.

Rein will have to face the displeasure of both his club and the Association.

OLYMPIC PARK FIXTURES

Saturday, June 27—
Footscray v. George Cross.

Sunday, June 28—
Polonia v. Juventus.

Saturday, July 4—
Slavia v. Hakoah.

Sunday, July 5—
Sunday International: Hungary v. Czechoslovakia and Malta v. Holland.

Saturday, July 11—
Hakoah v. George Cross.

Sunday, July 12—
Moreland v. Juventus.

Saturday, July 18—
George Cross v. Slavia.

Sunday, July 19—
Wilhelmina v. Hakoah.

Saturday, July 25—
Geelong v. George Cross.

Sunday, July 26—
J.U.S.T v. Juventus.

JUVENTUS MISSES CHANCE FOR GOALS

Wilhelmina Grabs Opportunity to Better Goal Average

With only two League points between the top five clubs, Juventus frittered away a chance to improve its vitally important goal average by loafing through the second half against Geelong last Saturday.

On top, 5-0 at half-time, the players let something—sympathy, sportsmanship, or thoughts of this week's hard match against Polonia — slow them down to picnic match tempo.

Wilhelmina wisely pressed for goals against Yarra Park's loose defence to score 7 goals in the first half, and 5 more in the second half to win 12-0 and go to the top of the ladder on goal average.

This was the biggest bag of goals by a State League club since Hakoah flattened George Cross by the same score early last year.

Delgeorge and Luyten got 4 each, Jimmy Keuken got 3, and even Mike de Bruyckere hopped in for his chop with one.

Three other League leaders were in serious trouble at the half-time siesta last week.

Slavia was down 0-3 at the turn. Then the team remembered that the best defence is offence, and six of the ten field players took a turn at scoring one goal each—Bell, Cook, Gottschlich, Terek, Glennie, and Rizich.

Abela was the stand-out for Footscray-Capri, scoring two celver goals in the first 15 minutes.

Moreland gave George Cross a fright and led 4-1 at the interval, but the Maltese side didn't give Moreland a chance after that.

A penalty and two quick field goals levelled, then Paul Zammit, playing his first game this season, scored the decider.

J.U.S.T. led Hakoah 1-0 at half-time and looked a potential winner, but the Blues fought on to equalize and save a point.

Polonia fielded three of its newly-imported players against Box Hill on Sunday, and although they seemed unsettled, Polonia had enough in hand to win 3-2.

Polonia also got a shock when, leading 2-0, they took the field for the second half. Box Hill's Kenny and Bedford slammed on two goals within five minutes to equalize.

Come-Back

Johann Neuhold, back from Vienna, a wedding and a honeymoon, is carrying too much weight but still moves the ball cleverly for Hakoah.

Box Hill's Luck

Box Hill's bad luck in losing the use of Olympic Park for its match against Juventus has been offset by its good luck last Sunday.

The publicity concerning Polonia's new players and fine weather brought out a bumper crowd, and Box Hill should receive enough out of the gate to balance its ledger.

BOX HILL MUST DEFEAT YARRA PARK

Dangerously close to relegation, Box Hill must beat Yarra Park today —and Footscray-Capri in a fortnight's time—to stay in the top league.

Smash "hit" of the week will be Sunday's match at Olympic Park between Juventus, two points behind the leaders, and Polonia, on the comeback trail, with its five new overseas players.

Newcomer, Janczyk, international centre-half with Polonia, was classy but either over-confident or sleepy last week, and he'll have to be on his toes for Juventus.

These two teams drew 2-2 on March 30, but Polonia could win this one.

Wilhelmina should win at Moreland, but George Cross could take back the leadership with a swag of goals from Footscray.

Lolly Vella will be back in the line-up. Falzon is seeing the ball and scored twice last week, and young Danny Catania, back from an injury, is showing his usual speed.

Geelong played very loosely against Juventus last Saturday, and will have to improve considerably to beat Hakoah.

Today's match at the Showgrounds between J.U.S.T. and Slavia should be a humdinger, with not more than a goal between them.

Both teams are playing good football, and if J.U.S.T's players are ready to match Slavia's boys for team spirit and plain old-fashioned "guts," they could win two vital points.

Onus on Players and Clubs

The State Council has ruled that the burden of proof as to whether a player is free to sign a registration form shall remain with the player and the club for whom he signs.

This ruling came as the result of a recommendation from the State League Management Committee that the V.A.S.F.A. should be solely responsible for correct registrations.

There can be no reason why the Secretary of a club cannot check on the bona-fides of the few new players he signs each year, whether they come from another club, from interstate, or abroad.

On the other hand, if the Secretary of the Association had the burden of checking up on all of the registrations of the many players moving into or out of the 94 teams now playing in the Metropolitan area, he would have time for very little else.

The Council made it clear that, when an ineligible player has been registered fielded, and found out, the club would not be penalised if it could prove that it had been hoodwinked by the player despite diligent care on the part of the club.

LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

Hakoah drew J.U.S.T., 1-1.
Slavia d. Footscray, 6-3.
George Cross d. Moreland, 5-4.
Wilhelmina d. Yarra Park, 12-0.
Polonia d. Box Hill, 3-2.
Juventus d. Geelong, 5-1.

DOCKERTY CUP

Brighton d. Williamstown, 8-0.
Fiorentina drew Oakleigh, 1-1.*
Preston d. Morwell, 3-2.
Victoria Police d. Rosebud, 4-3.
Croatia d. Fairfield, 10-0.
Sth. Melbourne d. Brunswick, 8-1.
Coburg d. Richmond, 2-1.*
Austria d. Frankston, 4-3.
Sunshine City d. Sicilia, 2-1.
Moonee Ponds d. Croydon, 2-0.
St. Albans d. Collingwood, 2-0.

Byes to Second Round: Melbourne, Maccabi, Essendon, Sandringham, Dandenong, Hellenic, Bayswater, Yallourn, South Yarra, Corio, Lions-Hayduk, Ferntree Gully, Park Rangers, Moorabbin, Bendigo, F.N.D., University, Seymour, Prahran, I.C.I., and Heidelberg.

ARMSTRONG CUP

Brighton d. Hellenic, 1-0.
Richmond d. Maccabi, 3-2.
Box Hill d. Park Rangers, 9-0.
Fiorentina d. Dandenong, 3-2.*
Moreland d. University, 11-0.
Hakoah d. South Melbourne, 5-1.
Footscray d. Preston, 2-0.
Slavia d. Sandringham, 8-3.
Yallourn d. South Yarra, 6-5.
Melbourne d. Yarra Park, 5-0.
Geelong d. Sunshine City, 3-2.
Wilhelmina d. Prahran, 10-0.
Polonia d. Lions, 4-3.
Frankston d. George Cross, w/o.
J.U.S.T. d. Coburg, 5-1.
Buy to Second Round: Juventus.

* After extra time.

SECOND SOUTH

F.N.D. drew Moorabbin 2-2.

This Week

STATE LEAGUE

J.U.S.T. v. Slavia.
Geelong v. Hakoah.
Footscray v. George Cross.
Moreland v. Wilhelmina.
Yarra Park v. Box Hill.
Polonia v. Juventus.

State League Reserves

J.U.S.T. v. Slavia.
Geelong v. Hakoah.
Footscray v. George Cross.
Moreland v. Wilhelmina.
Yarra Park v. Box Hill.
Polonia v. Juventus.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Lions/Hayduk v. Sunshine City.
Croatia v. Preston.
Coburg v. Maccabbi.
Sicilia v. Corio.
Brunswick v. Hellenic.

Second Division

Essendon v. Fairfield.
Collingwood v. Heidelberg.
I.C.I. v. Moonee Ponds.
University v. Williamstown.
Fiorentina v. St. Albans.

First Division Reserves

Hellenic v. Fiorentina.
Frankston v. University.
Maccabbi v. Coburg.
Preston v. Sandringham.
Sunshine City v. Lions/Hayduk.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

Brighton v. Park Rangers.
South Melbourne v. Vic. Police.
Dandenong v. South Yarra.
Yallourn v. Richmond.
Prahran v. Melbourne.

Second Division

Bayswater v. Austria.
Ferntree Gully v. Sandringham.
Moorabbin v. Rosebud.
Frankston v. F.N.D.
Oakleigh v. Croydon.

First Division Reserves

Park Rangers v. Brighton.
South Melbourne, a bye.
South Yarra v. Dandenong.
Richmond v. Yallourn.
Melbourne v. Prahran.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Olympia v. Melita.
North Richmond v. Makedonia.
Hollandia v. Bendigo.
Seymour v. Yarraville.
Trident v. Norlane Olympia.

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE & STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

George Cross v. J.U.S.T.
Slavia v. Hakoah.
Wilhelmina v. Footscray.
Box Hill v. Moreland.
Juventus v. Yarra Park.
Polonia v. Geelong.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Hellenic v. Sicilia.
Corio v. Coburg.
Maccabbi v. Croatia.
Preston v. Lions/Hayduk.
Sunshine City v. Brunswick.

Second Division.

St. Albans v. University.
Williamstown v. I.C.I.
Moonee Ponds v. Collingwood.
Heidelberg v. Essendon.
Fairfield v. Fiorentina.

First Division Reserves.

Lions/Hayduk v. Preston.
Sandringham v. Maccabbi.
Coburg v. Frankston.
University v. Hellenic.
Fiorentina v. Sunshine City.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

Melbourne v. Yallourn.
Richmond v. Dandenong.
South Yarra v. Sth. Melbourne.
Vic. Police v. Brighton.
Park Rangers v. Prahran.

Second Division.

Croydon v. Frankston.
Rosebud v. Ferntree Gully.
Sandringham v. Bayswater.
Austria v. Oakleigh.

First Division Reserves.

Yallourn v. Melbourne.
Dandenong v. Richmond.
Sth. Melbourne v. South Yarra.
Brighton, bye.
Prahran v. Park Rangers.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

Norlane Olympia v. Seymour.
Yarraville v. North Richmond.
Makedonia v. Hollandia.
Bendigo v. Olympia.
Melita v. Trident.

LAIDLAW WORLD CUP.

Sunday, 1.30 p.m.:
Hungary v. Czechoslovakia.
3.00 p.m.:
Malta v. Holland.

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Wilhelmina	11	8	1	2	52	23	17
George Cross	11	7	3	1	26	14	17
Slavia	11	7	2	2	29	18	16
Hakoah	11	7	2	2	35	16	16
Juventus	11	7	1	3	26	14	15
J.U.S.T.	11	5	3	3	32	20	13
Polonia	11	3	5	3	17	22	11
Moreland	11	4	1	6	35	26	9
Geelong	11	2	3	6	17	27	7
Box Hill	11	2	1	8	11	36	5
Footscray	11	0	3	8	19	45	3
Yarra Park	11	1	1	9	20	48	3

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Croatia	8	6	1	1	27	12	13
Preston	8	6	0	2	27	8	12
Lions/Hayduk	8	6	0	2	25	8	12
Sunshine City	8	5	0	3	22	12	10
Sicilia	8	3	2	3	18	16	8
Hellenic	8	4	0	4	15	20	8
Coburg	8	3	1	4	15	18	7
Maccabbi	8	3	0	5	16	22	6
Corio	8	2	0	6	9	19	4
Brunswick	8	0	0	8	6	46	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Fiorentina	8	7	0	1	27	9	14
University	8	6	1	1	24	14	13
Moonee Ponds	8	6	0	2	28	14	12
Essendon	8	5	0	3	16	15	10
Collingwood	8	3	1	4	21	23	7
I.C.I.	8	3	1	4	21	26	7
Heidelberg	8	3	0	5	13	26	6
Williamstown	8	2	1	5	14	19	5
Fairfield	8	1	2	5	13	18	4
St. Albans	8	1	0	7	13	26	2

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Norlane-Olym.	8	6	2	0	24	8	14
Seymour	8	5	2	1	19	8	12
Makedonia	8	5	2	1	19	9	12
North Rich.	8	3	4	1	29	15	10
Olympia	8	4	0	4	22	13	8
Trident	8	3	2	3	17	15	8
Melita	8	3	2	3	21	26	8
Bendigo	8	1	3	4	14	22	5
Hollandia	8	1	0	7	20	28	2
Yarraville	8	0	1	7	2	43	1

TABLES COMPILED

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STUART BEATON

Secretary-Manager

V.A.S.F.A.

SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Melbourne	8	8	0	0	64	12	16
Richmond	8	6	0	2	34	6	12
Yalbourn	8	6	0	2	35	18	12
South Melb.	8	5	0	3	23	12	10
Brighton	8	5	0	3	26	10	10
Dandenong	8	3	0	5	18	29	6
Prahran	8	2	1	5	14	31	5
South Yarra	8	2	0	6	9	28	4
Park Rangers	8	2	0	6	13	40	4
Vic. Police	8	0	1	7	8	48	1

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Sandringham	8	7	1	0	21	12	15
Austria	9	5	1	2	33	21	11
Oakleigh	8	4	2	2	17	10	10
Frankston	8	4	2	2	24	17	10
Rayswater	8	3	3	2	19	17	9
F.N.D.	8	3	1	4	20	25	7
Ferntree Gully	8	3	0	5	25	16	6
Rosebud	8	3	0	5	20	24	6
Moorabbin	8	2	2	4	19	27	6
Croydon	8	0	0	8	14	43	0

HOW THEY STAND

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Wilhelmina	10	8	2	0	42	10	18
Hakoah	10	9	0	1	35	13	18
J.U.S.T.	10	6	0	4	29	18	12
Geelong	10	6	0	4	25	16	12
Juventus	10	5	1	4	26	15	11
Moreland	10	4	3	3	22	16	11
Polonia	10	3	4	3	12	15	10
Box Hill	10	4	1	5	23	20	9
George Cross	10	3	1	6	18	30	7
Footscray	10	3	1	6	13	25	7
Slavia	10	1	2	7	17	37	4
Yarra Park	10	0	1	9	2	49	1

First Division Reserves.

Section "A"

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Melbourne	8	6	1	1	40	15	13
Richmond	8	6	1	1	27	12	13
Dandenong	8	6	0	2	24	14	12
Yalbourn	8	4	3	1	28	14	11
Park Rangers	8	4	1	3	18	13	9
South Melb.	8	4	0	4	22	29	8
Brighton	8	3	1	4	20	21	7
South Yarra	8	2	1	5	11	27	5
Prahran	8	1	0	7	7	52	2

First Division Reserves.

Section "B"

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Sunshine City	8	7	0	1	23	10	14
Lions/Hayduk	8	6	1	1	25	7	13
Preston	8	4	3	1	28	14	11
Coburg	8	5	1	2	18	10	11
Fiorentina	8	4	0	4	23	18	8
Frankston	8	3	2	3	20	18	8
Macabbi	8	3	0	5	24	22	6
Sandringham	8	2	0	6	11	23	4
Hellenic	8	2	0	6	14	33	4
University	8	0	1	7	6	37	1

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MELBOURNE HEADING FOR TOP LEAGUE?

FIRST DIVISION REVIEW

Melbournes 3-2 defeat of Richmond just before the League holiday three weeks ago gave the Hungarian club a clear 4-point lead at the season's half-way mark.

The leader has met every other team in the League except tail-ender South Yarra, it has remained unbeaten and un-tied, and it has scored an average of 8 goal per match with only 1½ goals per match against.

So even at this early stage, it looks like Melbourne for the State League in 1960!

In one way, it's a pity that Melbourne is so far ahead—it tends to take some of the interest out of the League.

No one will begrudge the club its success, but it's to be hoped that its position will be at least slightly threatened during the second half of the season so as to hearten the other clubs and restore the spice of a promotional competition.

In today's round, all home teams except Prahran—which meets Melbourne—look like winners.

The toughest match appears to be the Yallourn-Richmond fixture. The two teams are level-pegging all the way, and Yallourn's only advantage could be in the fact that it is playing at home.

The other matches find teams in the upper half of the ladder playing against teams in the lower half, with form and figures favouring the leaders.

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Master Plumber and Apprentice

David Will, junior star of Aberdeen Rosemont, signed apprenticeship papers with master-plumber Tom Finney.

Tom, Preston and England outside-right, returned the compliment by getting David to sign with Preston North End.

South Melbourne United have been narrowly disappointed in the race for promotion on several occasions, but English team Plymouth Argyle were Third Division runners-up for six seasons in a row—1921 to 1927.

Four Clubs Fight for Rise in Div. 1 North

The teams have settled down now and with eight matches played, four teams are in the running for promotion. Croatia lead with 13 points, hotly followed by Preston and Lions-Hayduk, each with 12 points, and Sunshine City still in the running with 10 points.

Results of the eighth round indicate just how even the teams are, as can be seen by Sunshine City's defeat of Croatia 3-2.

In the relegation picture are Brunswick, Corio and Maccabi. Only a revival on the part of Brunswick will save them from their unstable position; whereas it is a toss up between Maccabi and Corio, with Maccabi in a slightly better position.

The fixtures this week should clearly define the ladder as Croatia and Preston meet at Croatia, and Lions-Hayduk and Sunshine City meet at the Lions' ground. On form Croatia and Sunshine City are favoured for victory, but anything could happen.

In the remaining games Hellenic, Sicilia and Coburg are favoured to win against Brunswick, Corio and Maccabi respectively.

The "shock" this year has been the decline of Hellenic, a State League team last year.

The First Division North will be well represented in the second round of the Dockerty Cup. In all eight teams will compete.

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SECOND DIVISION REVIEW

HAMMERS HOLD GOOD LEAD AT THE TURN

by DON SUTHERLAND

The second round of matches commences to-day with Sandringham holding a healthy 4-point lead at the top of the ladder.

AFTER a two-week spell, most teams will be back at full strength for the second round of matches which commence to-day.

"Match of the Day" should be between Bayswater and Austria, both of whom are in the running for promotion, and who drew at their previous encounter. Austria are having a wonderful run, winning six consecutive games against good opposition.

While Bayswater are two places lower on the ladder, they have only been defeated on two occasions and will provide worthy opposition on their own ground. Form favours Austria to win, but Bayswater's determination to stay in the promotion battle could easily result in a surprise win.

Ferntree Gully have vacillated between good and bad, and will be keen to avenge their previous meeting with Sandringham, when they lost on a protest concerning ineligible players. Sandringham will field their strongest team, and a win in this game could very nearly assure them of a place in 1st Division next year.

Moorabbin are a better team now than when defeated by Rosebud 6-1 early in the season, but although Rosebud have lost six games in a row, they will not be easy opposition. Moorabbin were the only team to take a point from Sandringham in the first round and are playing confidently enough to win this.

Oakleigh did well to draw against Fiorentina last week, and should have little difficulty in collecting two points at the expense of luckless Croydon, who have failed to register a point in nine games.

New Face at Bayswater

Harry McVey, former Heidelberg stalwart, is now Bayswater regular [illegible] at left wing, and was a [illegible] of strength in the match against Oakleigh.

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Sandringham is proving that club spirit can be improved by a healthy social atmosphere within a club. Players, supporters, and friends had a whale of a time at the club's dance last Saturday night, and a theatre night at the Tivoli is planned for July 17.

Another 4-Club Battle in Div. 2 North

The four-club scramble for promotion in the First Division North is [illegible] in the Second Division North, with Fiorentina, University, Moonee Ponds, and Essendon all [illegible].

Fiorentina, still smarting from its defeat by Essendon, will be out to hold its slender one-point lead by beating St. Albans today.

St. Albans is playing better football than its lowly position on the ladder would indicate, and Fiorentina cannot relax for this one.

Runners-up University and Williamstown meet at Princes Park in what could be a thriller, with both sides desperately in need of the points. If one or two of University's "passengers" strike form, however, the result should keep University in second position.

Essendon meets Fairfield, and Essendon will have to play a similar brand of football as shown against Fiorentina to win.

Most open matches billed for this week are the I.C.I.-Moonee Ponds and Collingwood-Heidelberg clashes, on the home grounds of the first-named.

Moonee Ponds is uncertain away from home, as its record indicates. At home, its figures are 19-7, with one loss; away, 8-7 with one loss. Hence, I.C.I. could cause the turn up of the round.

The Collingwood-Heidelberg match could go either way.

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Ties have been drawn for the Second Round of the two Cups, to be played on Saturday, July 11.

Here is the draw:—

2nd ROUND DOCKERTY CUP
Brighton v. Preston.
Maccabi v. Croatia.
Dandenong v. Austria.
South Melb. v. Corio.
Essendon v. I.C.I.
Coburg v. Moorabbin.
Vic. Police v. Melbourne.
Heidelberg v. Lions-Hayduk.
St. Albans v. Sunshine City.
Yallourn v. South Yarra.
Sandringham v. University.
Ferntree Gully v. Bayswater.
Seymour v. Park Rangers.
Bendigo v. Moonee Ponds.
Hellenic v. Oakleigh or Fiorentina.
Prahran v. F.N.D.

ARMSTRONG CUP 2nd round
Richmond v. Juventus.
Polonia v. Fiorentina.
Brighton v. Hakoah.
Melbourne v. Moreland.
Yallourn v. Wilhelmina.
Box Hill v. Slavia.
J.U.S.T. v. Geelong.
Frankston or George Cross v. Footscray.

FACTS and FLY-KICKS

trapped and passed by WINGER

Yallourn has a habit of doing the right thing. The club has arranged a dance night after its match against Richmond and, of course, the visitors are invited. The significance of this item is that the loser of this week's match will find itself seven points adrift of Melbourne and out of the race for promotion. We'll lay odds that, even if Richmond wins, Yallourn will see to it that the visiting players have a wow of a good time at the dance.

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Bill Tipping, of the Melbourne "Herald" says that the Hearts were forbidden to accept lifts in private cars while they were touring Australia. He says the reason given out was that car-driving here was "too hazardous." That was probably the diplomatic phrase used by Hearts' Directors to cover the excessive number of drinking drivers who insist that they drive better with a skinful

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Remember Mario Busidoro, the big centre-half who came from South Australia and played with Juventus and later with Slavia? Mario says that he has had several invitations to coach local teams, but has been unable to accept because he works at night. If he could get a daytime job, he could live a normal life like you and me, AND coach. If you have any ideas on the subject, contact Mario at the Venezia Restaurant, 55 Lonsdale Street, City (FB 2355) any evening.

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Don Innard, of Moreland, doesn't do things by halves. He has a pair of wrists, like everyone else. He broke one. As soon as it mended he broke the other one. And before he had a chance to play for his club he broke the other one.

South Melbourne United's list of "honorarily retired" players is growing. Colin McLeod stepped for the last time this season, and now Alan Thompson has hung up his boots.

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Some of the sissies playing football these days, please note: Barney Battles, of Dundee, played the whole of a Scottish Cup tie with his left arm in a sling. Back in 1898.

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The soccer club with the quaint yet heroic name of Alexander the Great is looking for a friendly game against any team regardless of its Division or standard of play. If you are interested, the man to contact is Mr. M. Economedes, the club's honorary secretary, who can be reached at JA 3235 by day, and JW 6670 at night.

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Slavia players picked coach Frank Wimmer's birthday last Saturday to give his the fright of his life. They tried their own "system" in the first half against Footscray-Capri, and were down 0-3 at the turn. Then they switched to Franks teachings, and presented him with their fifth win in a row, 6-3, followed up by some lusty but tuneless singing of "Happy Birthday to You" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" in the dressing rooms after the game.

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Richmond will fly two teams to Sydney in October and will contest a cup donated by the German newspaper "Die Woche." They are drawn against successful Sydney team Concordia, at present on top of the Second Division and in line for promotion.

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Wilhelmina must wear out a couple of pairs of nets each season. They scored 22 goals last Saturday alone — 12 by the State League team and 10 by the Armstrong Reserve Cup side. Yarra Park and Prahran were the scoreless victims. Perhaps they felt that, in the circumstances, it would be useless to give Wilhelmina the courtesy of a "reply."

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They say there's really no such thing as a bad boy. If that's true, some of the young soccer players we see around the parks even in the State League must be darned good actors.

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We have received a letter from Mr. F. Tilders, of Trueman's Road, Rosebud West, who criticises the attitude of some referees towards linesmen. He says that linesmen's signals for "off-side" or "hands" are often ignored, amongst other things. We can only refer Mr. Tilders to soccer Laws 5 and 6. He will find that referees have the right to ignore linesmen's signals regarding fouls and often do so—particularly where club officials are on the line.

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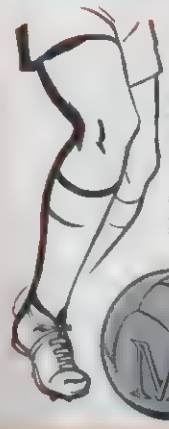
Bela Guttman, former captain, centre-half, and legendary hero of Hakoah Vienna has been invited to become the director of coaching with the Portuguese Association.



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COUNCIL and STATE LEAGUE Seek Equitable Solution

There has been a great deal of controversy on the question of how to make the best use of Olympic Park, and the solution has not yet been found.

Most of the recommendations put forward so far serve sectional interests only, and ignore the rights or needs of others.

The only correct answer is one that will HELP—even if it cannot completely SATISFY — everybody and everything concerned.

That includes the Association as a whole, the State League clubs, the Sunday International League, the Metropolitan Leagues, the Olympic Park Board of Trustees, the soccer public, and the advancement of the code itself.

For all of these sections of the game to benefit, it is obvious that the best use of the Park rests on two primary fundamentals—the size of the gate, and the standard of football played.

And, generally speaking, these two things go hand in hand, one entirely dependent on the other.

It follows that the best use to be made of Olympic Park is to play there the best games available—that is, the leading teams with the largest following, even if it means that four or five clubs get the lion's share of the use of the Park.

If a minority of the clubs thus received the largest financial benefit out of the Park, leaving other clubs out in the economic freeze, a system of re-distribution of earnings becomes essential.

In all civilized countries, a tax system is used to do this equitably. Everyone is taxed according to their ability to pay, and the "pool" of money thus obtained is used for the benefit of all concerned.

If every club's net gate were "taxed" and the proceeds fed into a pool for re-distribution, and if the re-distribution was made on the basis that each club received back from the pool a proportion directly opposite in ratio to the amount received by each club in gate money, a more equitable distribution is achieved.

In 1958, the net gates received by the 12 clubs were as follows:—£1,979, £1,307, £1,109, £1,106, £1,096, £964, £554, £546, £453, £422 £290, and £269.

If a pool tax of 20 per cent. had operated, and re-distribution made according to the "inverse-ratio-return" system, the clubs' final net earnings would have been £1,651, £1,111, £972, £968, £981, £883, £646, £638, £562, £643, £535, £519—a far more equitable distribution.

This is the sort of crowd that we dream of seeing every week-end at Olympic Park.

But, better still, if only the best attractions were played at the Park, the earnings of the top clubs would rise considerably—without lowering the share of the lesser clubs.

Furthermore, the spectators would enjoy the better standard of football provided by the more successful teams —and club officials must concede that the spectator is an important person.

There it is — more for the big clubs, more for the lesser clubs, more for the Association, more for the landlord, more for the spectator, and dividends for the Metropolitan Divisions.

Surely this is one all-embracing solution worthy of further consideration by both the Council and the State League Management Committee.

Scottish Top in Geelong

The undefeated Scottish Soccer Club has a handy lead of 3 points and a brilliant goal average to lead in the Geelong A.S.F.A. Here is the ladder:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Scottish	8	7	1	0	38	6	15
Macedonia	7	6	0	1	46	7	12
Zagreb	9	6	0	3	26	13	13
British	8	5	0	3	34	19	10
Corio 1	8	4	0	4	20	26	8
D.S.G. 1	8	4	0	4	13	25	8
Croatia	8	3	1	4	23	15	7
Olympia	9	2	0	7	16	41	4
Corio 2	8	2	0	6	7	31	4
D.S.G. 2	9	1	0	8	3	58	2

TECH. SCHOOL CHANGES

Fixtures for Sections 1 and 2 of the Technical Schools competition have been re-drawn. Sections 3 and 4 will continue with their normal programmes. Here are the new fixtures for the next fortnight:

SECTION 1.

July 1st

Prahran v. Burwood.
Richmond v. Swinburne.
Jordanville v. Ferntree Gully.
Box Hill, bye.

July 8th

Burwood v. Richmond.
Swinburne v. Prahran.
Ferntree Gully v. Box Hill.
Jordanville, bye.

SECTION 2.

July 1st

Dandenong v. Oakleigh.
Moorabbin v. Noble Park.
Caulfield v. Brighton.
Sandringham, bye.

July 8th

Oakleigh v. Moorabbin.
Noble Park v. Dandenong.
Brighton v. Sandringham.
Caulfield, bye.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

LAST WEEK.

UNDER 12

Broadmeadows H. d. Brooklyn H., 5-2.
Essendon d. Sunshine City, 5-0.
Olympia d. Preston Hostel, 6-1.
South Melbourne w.o. Williamstown H.

UNDER 14 (NORTH)

Trident d. Brooklyn Hostel, 1-0.
Sunshine City d. Lions/Hayduk, 4-0.
Bye: Maribyrnong Hostel.

UNDER 14 (SOUTH)

South Melbourne w.o. Broadmeadows H.
St. Kilda d. Essendon, 4-0.
Not notified: Brighton v. Maccabbi.

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

Essendon w.o. from South Melbourne.
Ajax d. South Yarra, 2-0.
Byes: Sunshine City and Wesley College.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

Dandenong City w.o. from Croydon.
Box Hill d. Heidelberg 6-0.
Bayswater d. Preston T.S.O.B., 3-1.
Bye: Moorabbin City.

UNDER 18

Sunshine City d. Preston T.S.O.B., 6-2.
St. Kilda w.o. from Army Apprentices.
Box Hill d. Coburg United, 3-0.
Not notified: Fairfield v. South Yarra.

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There has been nothing but praise for the young 'uns who played curtain-raisers to the big matches at Olympic Park recently.

NEXT WEEK.

UNDER 12

Olympia v. Essendon.
Williamstown Hostel v. Preston Hostel.
South Melbourne v. Broadmeadows Host.
Byes: Brooklyn H. and Sunshine City.

UNDER 14 (NORTH)

Trident v. Sunshine City.
Brooklyn Hostel v. Maribyrnong Hostel.
Bye: Lions/Hayduk.

UNDER 14 (SOUTH)

Essendon v. South Melbourne.
Maccabbi v. Broadmeadows Hostel.

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

South Melbourne v. South Yarra.
Wesley College v. Essendon.
Byes: Ajax and Sunshine City.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

Bayswater v. Moorabbin City.
Croydon v. Box Hill.
Heidelberg v. Preston T.S.O.B.

UNDER 18

Preston T.S.O.B. v. Fairfield.
Box Hill v. Sunshine City.
South Yarra v. St. Kilda.
Army Apprentices v. Coburg United.

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The Special Disciplinary Committee appointed to hear cases involving juniors was surprised when they were confronted by a tiny fellow from South Melbourne United's Under 12's, who was sent off for dissenting the referee's decision.

Surely the referee concerned could have handled this matter himself!

SCHOOL STANDINGS.

SECT. 1: Prahran 13, Richmond 10, Burwood 10, Swinburne 8, Jordanville 7, Box Hill 4, Ferntree Gully 4.

SECT. 2: Oakleigh 13, Dandenong 11, Noble Park 8, Moorabbin 8, Brighton 6, Caulfield 6, Sandringham 4.

SECT. 3: Collingwood 14, Preston 7, Coburg 6, Brunswick 1.

SECT. 4: Footscray 14, Sunshine 9, Essendon 8, Glenroy 6, Williamstown 5, Tottenham 0.

JUNIOR TABLES

UNDER 12

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Olympia	10	10	0	0	20
Essendon	10	7	0	3	14
South Melbourne	10	6	1	3	13
Brooklyn Hostel	10	6	0	4	12
Broadmeadows Hostel	9	5	2	2	12
Sunshine City	10	5	2	3	12
Preston Hostel	10	2	2	6	6
Williamstown Hostel	9	1	1	7	3

UNDER 14 (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Trident	10	10	0	0	20
Sunshine City	10	8	0	2	16
Lions/Hayduk	10	6	0	4	12
Maribyrnong Hostel	10	3	1	6	7
Brooklyn Hostel	10	2	1	7	5

UNDER 14 (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
St. Kilda	9	8	0	1	16
Brighton	10	7	0	3	14
Essendon	10	6	0	4	12
South Melbourne	10	5	0	5	10
Broadmeadows Hostel	9	1	0	8	2
Maccabbi	8	1	0	7	2

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Moorabbin City	8	8	0	0	16
Dandenong City	8	7	0	1	14
Bayswater	8	5	0	3	10
Croydon	8	3	0	5	6
Heidelberg	8	3	0	5	6
Preston T.S.O.B.	8	1	0	7	2

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	8	8	0	0	16
Essendon	8	7	0	1	14
Ajax	8	4	2	2	10
Wesley College	8	4	2	2	10
South Melbourne	8	3	2	3	8
South Yarra	8	2	0	6	4

UNDER 18

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	8	8	0	0	16
Box Hill	8	6	1	1	13
St. Kilda	7	4	1	2	9
Coburg United	7	3	1	3	7
Fairfield	7	1	2	4	5
Army Apprentices	8	1	2	5	4
Preston T.S.O.B.	8	1	1	6	3
South Yarra	7	1	1	5	3

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MR. PRINCI'S SWISS FLIGHT FAILS

The flight to Switzerland by Mr. Eddie Princi, Secretary of the N.S.W. Federation of Leagues, to negotiate with F.I.F.A. on the suspension of five Austrian players at present playing in Sydney, has failed.

The players, Baumgartner, Jaros, Schwartz, Saghi, and Tamandl, formerly of F.K. Austria, came to Australia without clearances.

Principal argument used by Mr. Princi was that the players did not come to Australia as footballers, but as ordinary migrants, and as such did not require clearances.

Mr. Kurt Gassman, F.I.F.A. Secretary, suggested that the N.S.W. Federation should negotiate directly with F.K. Austria.

Meanwhile, the players continue with Prague, which holds a comfortable lead at the head of the First Division in the Sydney League.

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FIRST DIVISION

Grade 1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Prague	13	12	1	0	59	19	25
Corrimal	14	11	1	2	40	21	23
Apia	14	8	3	3	38	20	19
Auburn	14	7	2	5	44	33	16
Syd. Austral	14	6	4	4	24	22	16
Gladesville	12	5	4	3	27	17	14
Hakoah	13	5	4	4	20	14	14
Canterbury	12	6	1	5	30	24	13
Granville	14	3	5	6	28	32	11
Budapest	14	4	2	8	33	51	10
North Side	14	3	3	8	22	34	9
Balgownie	12	2	3	7	18	34	7
Bankstown	13	2	2	9	22	53	6
Concord	13	1	1	11	18	48	3

MAIL-BAG

Sir,—With reference to Bill Fleming's remarks about the "Stranger in Paradise" ("Soccer News," June 20), he was obviously quoting myself.

I did say that the Federation State side would easily beat the Victorian State team by 3 goals—on Saturday's display against South Australia.

However, I enjoyed the wit shown by Bill, plus his profound knowledge of musical comedy. "With a Little Bit o' Luck" I may "One Fine Day" find his soccer reports equally erudite.

In Bill's otherwise fine article, there were several unwarranted attacks against the N.S.W. Federation and referee Lonsdale.

I appeal to Bill Fleming and everyone else to help seal the breach between the two leading soccer States. —Yours, etc.,

L. K. STONE.

Sir,—Let me congratulate those concerned for the "new look" "Soccer News," but I was somewhat disappointed that one section of soccer followers was given the privilege of a page in their own language.

There are thousands of other supporters whose knowledge of the English language is also limited, and I hope those concerned will either be fair enough to print the whole paper in English, or allot each soccer-loving community a page in their own language.

Actually, it is a great help to fans whose English is limited if "Soccer News" is printed in English, so that they will read their club news in the language they need so much.—Yours, etc.,

MIKE SCICLUNA.

Sir,—You ask for my opinion and here it is: The "new look" "Soccer News" is absolutely out of date. There are not only Italians here; there are also Dutch, Polish, Hungarian, Jugoslav, Greek and Maltese fans, just to mention a few.

I am sure that when most Italian people want to read their soccer news in Italian, they buy an Italian newspaper.

I like the "old look" better.—Yours, etc.,

J. S. CASSAR.

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